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FOREWORD.

The active members of the Nun Chapter of Acacia, take pleasure in introducing to you their little publication, **THE NUN TRAVELER**. As the youth entering college reaches in a few short years, that point where the college world confers upon him the dignified name of Senior, so our Alumni Letter has reached the point where it seems befitting to confer upon it a more appropriate name. Taking steps to that end therefore, we clothe it in garments patterned after its elder cousin, *The Heth Hello*, and now with its proper credentials, start it out in its new role on a more extended mission. In its journey the Traveller will in no way conflict with its dignified forefather the *Acacia Journal*, but in a distinctly local field will cultivate its friends and perform particular duties. Amongst these duties it is hoped that the Traveller will convey to each honorary, alumni and active member of Nun Chapter from time to time, an outline, with more or less detail, of the local activities, membership roll, financial status, needs in that direction, future plans, and gathered from our members at large, expressions of common interest and welfare. The Traveller would fall short of its mission were these latter points overlooked, for below the surface of current events, lay that more important work of inspiring each member to fall in line, and shouldering his share of responsibility, unite in that one common aim of putting Acacia and Nun Chapter in the foremost rank of Cornell's college fraternities.

Stepping one side for a moment to scan the past, we see Acacia rising from humble beginnings at Ann Arbor in nineteen hundred and four, and in these few years growing in strength, until she has extended her arms from the Atlantic on the East, to the Pacific on the West. Within these limits, drawn by Nature she has established twenty-five pulsating centers of life, where tinted with their respective college or university colors, we see the Acacia light, illuminating the steps and pathway to Knowledge and Truth. At hand, Nun Chapter, installed May 30th, 1907 has likewise shown steady and healthful growth. It has advanced from meetings in Barnes Hall the first year, to the occupying of the DeWitt Place house as its chapter home the second year, and in the third year taken over the present property at 708 East Seneca Street, under a contract of sale. With the fifth year well under way, we see recorded on our membership roll, eighty men who have bound themselves together by mutual ties and obligations.

This paper should be the means of strengthening these ties, carrying, at the same time, to those who did not have the opportunity of living in the chapter home, some of its cheering influences. We hope also that the Traveller may bring tidings of interest to those alumni members who have been sharers in the life of the fraternity home. The active members will feel well repaid for their humble efforts, if the Traveller, while performing these missions, directs thought, temporarily at least, away from the more routine affairs of life,

and weaves into all our lives those strong ties of character and brotherhood, which Acacia, built on that foundation of Masonry, commends to her followers.

E. M. H.

THE ACTIVE CHAPTER.

In writing of the personnel of the present chapter, the writer takes into consideration the fact that life need not be serious all of the time, hence the few "pointed" remarks about the brethren.

First we will consider E. M. Holbrook, the V. D. It is he who has brought our house table to a most pleasing and gratifying financial basis; instead of showing a deficit, "Holly" reports a good margin of profit each week. This is Holly's junior year in the "U," specializing in Economics.

To the Alumni who know the next two men, it would be needless to say that we have to mention "Tommie" Thompson, Sibley '10, and "Steve" Wilson, Sibley '09, in the same paragraph. Coming "lights" in steam and gas power engineering, respectively, each finds time to give to other and some alluring pursuits. "Tommie," the smiler, and Steve the official rattler of the music box.

A. R. Keith '07, the Grand Treasurer, who never ties his bull outside, is with us this term, his wife and baby girl spending the winter in California. "Baldy" has sold his interests in the photographic business to his former partner, Mr. Troy, and now plans to re-enter the University this Spring as a graduate student in the Veterinary College.

Preston Peach, Maryland State College '03, is instructing in Machine Design. He came here from Case and Western Reserve, having instructed

there. Preston is "the oil upon troubled waters" around the house, but is not very slow to get into a row himself; which is all very proper for an American citizen. His specialty "Replevin Suits," a very tender spot, "Yes, indeed!"

"Less" Morrow, Sibley '11, "nearly-wed," instructor in E. E. Lab. Less is the official "rough-houser" of the place; out late at night—up late in the morning. He couldn't be real serious if he tried.

"Bob" Chamberlain, Sibley '08; instructor in Purdue, three years; instructor in E. E. Lab. here this year. "Bob" has the appearance of a dignified sort of a gentleman, but "looks are deceiving." "Bob" came back too late to get into the house this fall, so he rooms on Stewart Avenue and eats here. He joined Acacia while at Purdue.

"Cupid" Davey, Western Reserve '06, A. B.; Master's Degree at Penn. State; here to get his Ph. D.; now I guess that there is some student! Davey is a Penn. State Acacian, is instructing in Physics on the hill. He just opened a box of cigars, as a result of his Xmas vacation. "Cupid" lives outside the house, but eats here.

D. S. Cole, '08 is living at the Gamma Alpha house this year, but comes down to see us often. He is senior instructor in E. E. Lab.

"Tommie" Hyde, Sibley '08 is instructing on the hill. "Tom" eats lunch at the house and drops in for a game of "500" or "Pinochle" quite often. He is on a little trip out to Duluth now, looking over an offer made him recently.

"Steve" Wing '10, instructor in Sibley came into the Chapter this fall. He has some drag with the "Sage Contingent" and helps fill out the vacancies for our dances. He eats and rooms at Sage, I think.

Prof. John Craig '89, head Prof. in Horticulture in the Ag. School, came in last spring as a member. Prof. Craig is a valuable member on the University Faculty.

C. W. Bennett, Vanderbilt '09, Cornell '11, grabbed the goat by the tail and came in "adlying" the other night. He is instructing in the Chemistry Department.

"Mabel" Jones, Sibley '12, has just returned from his home in Ohio, having been called there at the death of his father. Our sympathies are with him in his loss.

"Nic" Carter, Sibley '13, "Nic" is chief-carpenter of the bunch and has built on a partition to the back porch this fall, windows, doors and all. "Nic" writes letters to Denver every day and gets answers just as often.

"Havi" Haviland '12, D. Scott Fox '13 and W. M. Peacock '13 are gentlemen farmers all. Lord! What a bunch. "Havi" hasn't looked into a study book this fall; he goes thru on his nerve. Fox has charge of the smoke shop and shows a neat little profit at every report. "Peak" is the champion "grind" of the house. They're all good Acacians tho, so nuf sed.

Now there's Ed. Vreeland and Arts '13, as nobody wakes up to the fact that they are living if they belong with the "Languid, Linger-long and Rest-much" set taking Arts we are glad Ed. keeps up the reputation. He works on Bills and Accounts once in a while.

L. R. Vautrot, Sibley '12, came in the house this fall. He, "Steve" Wing and Ed. Vreeland were put thru at the same time. "Vaut" is some ladies' man, tho he confines his attentions altogether too much in one direction. He was an undergrad at Reserve for three years, and entered

as Sophomore in the E. E. College here.

Alas! There is one of our active members of whom we can say little at present, that is Geo. Schempp Ag. '12. He finished his work on the hill this last term, got married and left with his better-half for Florida. We gave him the best send off we knew how; but who can sympathize with a fellow who is in such a position, but one who has gone thru with like experiences? He has one fine little woman and our very best wishes. That ought to carry him through.

Last but not least is Riley Heath Law '12. Riley came into the house last fall, but being the proprietor of a College Avenue boarding house, we see little of him at our table, unless he gets real hungry and wants a good square meal. Riley was one of the debaters last year and his stentorian voice can be heard most anytime of night in heated discussions over some legal technicality.

R. H. H.

FINANCES.

Inasmuch as there seems to be more or less darkness in the minds of both the alumni and active members, in regard to the financial status of the Chapter, and the Corporation, its legal side, a more extended article is here set forth than would otherwise seem warranted. The President of the Acacia presents in an article under The Corporation, its relation to the Chapter and members, and accordingly this article will be confined to an attempt, to show briefly the conditions under which the Chapter is working in its effort to get a home of its own. The writer has drawn certain conclusions from the facts, as shown up by our records, but this is done hoping each member will like-

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THE EDITORIAL STAFF.

The TRAVELLERS' editorial staff is organized on twentieth century lines, with the division of labor idea worked out to a nicety.

The misty past is being looked into by able historians, and we may feel assured that wherever missing links are found, their ingenuity will be brought into play in bridging such gaps. The ever present seems well taken care of. A staff is out making surveys, and from the data brought in, we may safely predict that future history writing will become a most common place profession.

One of our Ph. D.'s has analyzed the local field, and reports it most fertile, in fact he says somebody is starting something all the time. In the alumni field the problem presented is different. Here we will have to depend on those in that field to send in their notes, and we hope that such data will be received from time to time, and our associate editor in charge of that department may be

able to give us a good big showing. The future has not been provided for as yet, but we need not hesitate to say, that any of the alumni having something like a young prophet growing up in their family, will find for him a field of unlimited size, where such talent may be given full play.

E. M. H.

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wise make a study of the conditions, and draw his own conclusions.

Under a contract of sale dated June 4th, 1909, between Mrs. K. M. Smith and Jas. Vanderhoef in behalf of the Acacia Coporation, an agreement was entered into, to take over the property now occupied by the Chapter, at 708 E. Seneca Street, at a sale price of \$10,000.00. By the terms of the contract the Corporation assumed the liabilities against the property formerly carried by Mrs. Smith, namely, the taxes, assessments, insurance and a six per cent. first mortgage lien of \$5000.00. The Corporation further agreed in consideration of the use and its later conveyance, to pay to Mrs. Smith her equity in the property, amounting to \$5000.00 in the following manner: \$500.00 cash down, and \$500.00 Sept. 1st, 1909, and thereafter on Jan. and July 1st of each year payments of \$250.00, and five per cent interest on the outstanding balance in her favor. On receipt of the last payment she to execute to the Coporation, a deed carrying over title to the property.

This was one proposition faced in the spring of 1909, the other, to continue renting. The writer must assume that these were weighed in the balance, and with faith in the future of Nun Chapter and her members, the former was selected. The next step was to finance the proposition, and with the treasury showing assets largely in the

form of faith and confidence, these were capitalized and discounted at once. At a meeting held June 2, 1909, an issue of thirty, six per cent, \$100.00 bonds, running ten years, as a general lien on the property, was authorized.

Twenty-nine of these have been issued, largely to our members, and the proceeds used to defray the legal expenses, make the first payments under the contract, a few needed improvements, and the balance put into house furnishings. The property was taken over, and occupied Sept. 1909. The relation between the assets, liabilities and equity in the property, as it stands to-day, is shown in the following statement:

ASSETS	
Real estate	\$10,250.00
Personal Property	1,650.00
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	\$11,900.00
LIABILITIES	
6 per cent. bonds	\$2,900.00
6 per cent. mortgage	5,000.00
Balance due at 5 per cent.	2,750.00
Acacia (equity)	1,250.00
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	\$11,900.00
The following statements show the amounts coming due on the property, other expenses, and payments thereon:	
1909-1910	
Cash demand	\$1,000.00
Installments 1 and 2	500.00
Int. bds. mtg. and prin.	536.41
Taxes and insurance	102.22
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Total and payment	\$2,138.63

1910-1911	
Installments 3 and 4	\$500.00
Int. bd. mtg. and prin.	481.50
Taxes and insurance	109.76
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Total	\$1,091.26
Payment made	950.26
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Deficit	\$141.00
1911-1912 (1st half)	
Forward from '10-'11	\$141.00
Instalment 5	250.00
Int. bd. mtg. and prin.	310.82
Taxes and assessment	43.76
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Total	745.58
Paid on account	595.58
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Balance outstanding	\$150.00

From the foregoing statements, it can be seen the Chapter has through the Corporation, outstanding liabilities of \$10,650.00, which with interest, taxes, insurance and a small amount for up-keep of property, gives a fixed charge of about \$1,260.00 at the present time, or \$35.00 per week for the college year. It will be noticed, five installments have been paid, giving us an equity in the property of \$1,250.00 on condition the contract is lived up to, which calls for eleven more installments of \$250.00, the last one falling due July, 1917. These payments reduce our fixed charges \$25.00 a year by diminishing the principal \$500.00 and the consequent saving of interest. Beyond this we, cannot expect to see the load lighten, until after July, 1917, when the fixed charges will drop to about \$500.00, or about \$14.00 per week for the college year. At that time there will be from three to four thousand dollars equity in the Corporation's right, depending

on the condition of the house and furnishings. We will then have a right to dispose of the property as we see fit, and an opportunity, to lay by something to meet the \$3000.00 bond issue due two years alter. With this period by, we can truly say, that the faith of our earlier promoters, "the evidence of things not seen," has become a manifest reality.

Your writer would be glad to "ring down the curtain" at this point, but the story is not complete. We must see the Corporation and the Chapter as running machine to get the full significance. We have a cozy Chapter home, out lot, 42 by 132 feet, fronts on the north side of Seneca Street midway between Stewart Avenue and Quarry Street. Our house 28 by 42 feet is a frame structure, with stucco sides and slate roof.

The maximum rooming capacity is fifteen, and the dining room capacity eighteen. These limitations seem fixed while we are under the contract. To enlarge the dining room, would call for an enlarged kitchen, and unless additional rooms were at the same time provided, little revenue would result.

As the title is not in our hands, there would be serious objections to any alterations unless the property were taken over at the time, which is not possible by the terms agreed upon.

Running expenses, regardless of whether the house is completely filled or not, is approximately \$1000.00 per year. Janitor service, coal, light, water, piano rent, class book insertions, telephone and other expenses along this order, are chargeable to that account. This means \$30.00 per week in addition to the fixed charges on the property, making a total of \$65.00 per

week. The deficit which has crept in to our accounts, point strongly to the fact, that the burden falling on the active members is somewhat heavy, and no matter whether the source of revenue be, room rent, house dues, table or fees, it comes from about the same pockets. Brother Wollenweber in an effort to lighten the load, last year started an alumni pledge system, by the means of which it is hoped the burden may be distributed over a wider field, and additional support be given, to tide the Chapter over the critical period of its life, the next five years. The writer has spent some time in studying the financial situation, and as remarked in the introduction, it is hoped each one will get behind the surface of the figures, and see what they stand for. It would appear however, there is a call for every member of Nun Chapter, to see to it, that the ship in which he helped plan or launch, and under whose banners we now sail, does not become grounded on any financial shoal. The harbor lights are dead ahead, but until the good craft is safe at anchor in port, every man has a duty before him, and a privilege in its discharge.

What the result will be when the balance is struck, my foresight does not reveal, but with some degree of clearness through the morning mists, there seems to stand a new Acacia home. Now clearing, with the early morning rays, she stands out in bold relief against the eastern hill, and in a modest but attractive setting of brick and stone, bids welcome to her returning sons.

As they approach the open door it seems I hear the words, "enter, you have been true and faithful sons, eat of the fruits."

E. M. H.

THE CORPORATION.

The initial copy of the Nun Traveller would indeed be incomplete if the readers, in its pages could not find some word about the Acacia Corporation. The Alumnus or active member who is deeply interested in the welfare of the Fraternity must of necessity ask such questions as can be answered only by the Corporation as it stands—a vital part of the Acacia organization.

The Corporation may be briefly defined as the legal side of the Fraternity; that part which the State recognizes in its courts and legal proceedings; that part which is empowered by virtue of its charter to issue bonds and hold and operate property rights in the State of New York. Its charter is recorded in the offices of the Secretary of State at Albany and the clerk of the County Court in the City of Ithaca. So the "Acacia Corporation" is a reality by law, something that is recognized by all business enterprises with which it may come in contact.

Now there is always a tendency among men, when separated from direct contact and association with such an organization, to let interest, love and sense of responsibility to the same, lag and become lukewarm. In view of this tendency there are two very pertinent facts regarding the Corporation which are worthy of thought and second reading, namely; from the constitution of the Acacia corporation recorded in the minutes of the first annual meeting, May 14, 1910, the following: "membership shall consist of all active, alumni and honorary members of Acacia Fraternity who are in good standing," so you are a member of this Corporation. Did you realize that? Now note the following taken from Lough's "Corporation Finance"

"Corporations fall into two distinct groups. There are first, Corporation without capital stock, of "non-stock corporations; to this class belong almost all churches, hospitals, chartered clubs, universities and other strictly social and charitable institutions. The prime characteristic of such corporations is that the members share equally in all the privileges of membership without regard to the amount of money that each may have contributed. There is no arrangement for transacting a money-making business distributing the profits or losses. In fact, non-stock corporations exist either for the common benefit of all members or for the purpose of serving the public at large."

Now take time reader, to go back over these two facts and see there combined importance to you. They do appeal to every man who has traveled the Acacian road at Cornell and the Traveller presents them to your earnest consideration. Let them rest in your thought for a time until you shall realize what you owe to Acacia namely: to stand ready wherever you may be to glory and be jubilant in her achievement and to lend your constant aid in her plans for such advancement.

In another part of the Traveller you will see a detailed account of the Corporation finances telling in dollars and cents what has been done, what is being done now, and what you are going to help accomplish in the future. Read that statement carefully and if it is not thoroughly understood drop a card to Brother Carter, the Sec. Treas., and he will gladly go into further detail regarding this phase of our organization.

It is your privilege to know everything about the Corporation business and the more you know the more interest and assistance you can give.

If you didn't understand what that term "Acacia Corporation" meant while you were students don't let this opportunity pass, because the next financial move that Nun Chapter makes is going to be a big one; it is important for two reasons, namely: it must come soon, within the next six years (remember that Corporation business must be thought of in terms of years not days, so six years is a short time), and it is one of which every Acacian will be proud when he is fortunate enough to visit Cornell.

The Traveller simply says to you at this time, "Do your part now and the future will take care of itself." A brief historical sketch of the Corporation may be of interest; this will give you a comprehensive view of things and if you have given close attention to dates and numerical statements in these pages you must appreciate the fact that Acacia has lost no time in well doing at Cornell, but has been steady at her duty all the time, during the four years of her existence.

The Nun Chapter of Acacia Fraternity was incorporated in May 1909, and the first official meeting was held at its old home on DeWitt Place on June 2nd, 1909. At this meeting the first set of officers was elected, namely: T. Bradlee, President; R. Keith, Vice-President; G. Wollenweber, Secretary-Treasurer. At this meeting also the plans were laid for the purchasing of the present home on Seneca Street. At the annual meeting of 1910, held May 14th at 708 East Seneca Street, the constitution was adopted and the officers for 1910-1911 were elected namely: L. W. W. Morrow, president; L. A. Wilson, vice-president; G. Wollenweber, secretary-treasurer. At the annual meeting of 1911 held on May 13th, the present officers were elected, namely: P. L. Peach,

president; C. B. Haviland, vice-president; J. Farnsworth, secretary-treasurer. Bro. Farnsworth's resignation followed in September, 1911, due to his leaving Ithaca, and Bro. W. A. Carter was elected to fill the vacancy. The present board of directors is as follows: E. M. Holbrook, P. L. Peach, C. B. Haviland, G. Wollenweber, W. A. Carter and J. Vanderhoef.

These facts, brother Acacians, are placed before you with a hope and a strong belief that the entire membership of Nun Chapter will think, plan, and work for "our beloved fraternity."

P. L. P.

SOCIAL.

Senior Week.

The seniors who remained for graduation last June gave a house party during Alumni Week at the Chapter house, and attended the Commencement functions in a body. Other affairs of a more or less social nature were indulged in during the week. The senior list included Ex. V. D. Bradlee, Ex. S. D. Morrow, Wollenweber, Farnsworth, Goff, Rothenberger and Booth. Wait did not remain on account of musical engagements.

Initiations.

Our activity ceased for the Summer on June 7th, when we had the pleasure of uniting with us Prof. John Craig of the Agricultural College, and Bro. C. E. Ladd, who is also connected with the Ag. College.

The first initiation of the present season was conducted on Oct. 27th. Three new members were received in due form, after the customary perilous voyage. They were: Bro. Stephen R. Wing, Cornell '10, instructor in Mech. Lab.; Bro. Louis R. Vautrot of Warren, Ohio, senior in Mechanical Engineering and a member of the honorary fraternity Tau Beta Pi; and

Bro. Edw. P. Vreeland of Salamanca, N. Y., sophomore in Arts. We find the Chapter strengthened materially by their presence among us.

On Jan. 17th, Bro. C. W. Bennett experienced the initiation ceremony, and moved right into the house. Bro. Bennett is a graduate student in Chemistry.

A number of the members of Nun Chapter had the pleasure of attending the installation ceremonies of Aleph Daleth Chapter at Syracuse on June 10th. Bro. Morrow carried off the honors as Venerable Dean, with precision. A sumptuous banquet was given by the new chapter at the Onondaga Hotel.

Parties.

The first party of the season was held on Hallow'een night, with about forty guests. The house was prettily decorated with festoons and Japanese lanterns. Entertainment was furnished by some of the talented brothers, and by a few foolish and effeminate games. The dining room was opened later in the evening, and disclosed a "Dutch Kitchen" with mission tables set with eatables, a keg of cider at the side, and pretty Cornell steins for souvenirs. A short dance concluded the program.

Reminded of the good times of last year, the boys were afflicted with the "dance fever" and indulged in a very enjoyable affair at Rogue's Harbor Inn on Dec. 7th. The dance was preceded by a chicken dinner. The programs bore the Acacia colors, and served as souvenirs of the occasion. Eighteen couples were present.

Smoker.

Our annual Smoker for the purpose of entertaining and making the acquaintance of Cornell Masons, was held in Masonic Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 17th, and was largely attended in spite of the inclement

weather. The program included cards, speeches and a buffet lunch. Prof. Jones deserves special mention for his talk on "The History and Development of Modern Masonry," which inspired us to the extent of instigating a series of similar talks to be held at the Chapter house in the future.

Visiting Brothers.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Bro. Frost of Aleph Chapter on the occasion of the Michigan-Cornell football game on Nov. 11th.

We were doubly honored on Dec. 7th by the presence of Vice-President E. H. Comstock, and Right Worshipful Bro. Mosher of Auburn, N. Y., District Deputy of the 30th Masonic District. Bro. Comstock was returning from his visit to the Interfraternity Conference.

The Penn. Musical Clubs' Concert brought us another visit from Bro. Hinman, who is the director of the banjo club. We always enjoy having Bro. Hinman around, to keep us in a good humor.

Bro. W. L. Miggett of the Engineering Department at Michigan, spent Jan. 28 and 29th with us, investigating the engineering system at Cornell. He must be a "good scout."

Matrimonial.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Bro. R. U. Steelquist, '10, who is located in the far west.

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1912.—Miss Beatrice C. George, daughter of former Alderman and Mrs. William F. George, who now reside in North Lansing, and George C. Schempp, Jr., of Tacoma, Washington, were married yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Methodist Episcopal Church by the Rev. Wallace E. Brown, who used the ring service. They were attended by the bride's parents and Messrs. Preston

L. Peach and D. Scott Fox, members of Acacia and fraternity brothers of the groom.

The groom was graduated with last year's class at the University and has been taking a special course in agriculture this year. He has purchased 750 acres of land at Albany, Georgia, where the couple will make their future home. Mr. Schempp will make a business of growing pecan nuts on his plantation. Mr. and Mrs. Schempp left for New York last night, whence they will sail in a few days for their southern home.—Ithaca Daily Journal.

General.

Bro. Albert N. Smith was extended a vote of thanks for a barrel of fine apples which he presented to the hungry brothers this fall. We unite in wishing him a Happy New Year, and a big crop of apples next season.

L. A. WILSON.

ALUMNI PERSONALS.

James A. Farnsworth '11 is taking law at Columbia. We have heard that Jimmie's reason for living in New York is that there are more girls there than in Ithaca. Jimmie is a loyal Acacian and we wish him success in his new location.

H. B. Robinson, Jr., '10, is with the United Fuel Gas Co., Charleston, W. Va. "Robbie" still defends Standard Oil and keeps in dancing form. We miss him very much as he plays an excellent game of "500."

R. U. Steelquist '10, is happily married and now resides in Portland, Ore. We miss "Stellie's" tenor in our singing, altho we still have some singers.

Carter Overton '10 is rapidly succeeding as a Veterinary and horse trader in Adams, N. Y. "Ovie" drops in to see Hiram and the bunch every little while. He will be sorry to hear that Hiram got much the worst of his

last fight. "Ovie" has purchased a farm and expects to go to housekeeping in the near future.

A. G. Kessler '08, is with the Ball Engine Co., in Erie, Pa. Many Ithaca girls are lonesome since "Kess" left here, as no one can take his place as a fusser and pianist.

H. D. Rasmason '08 is with the Teluride Co., in Utah. "Ras" is making good rapidly and we are sure he deserves all his laurels.

Murray Howes '11, is now happy "hubby" and Vet. in Brockport, N. Y. Murray still pitches sensational ball. We miss the arguments of "Poppie" and Bonehead very much.

Jas. Cameron '09 is now in Fairmont, W. Va., with the Drummond Co. Jimmie still quotes Burns and likes everything Scotch. He was in Ithaca during the holidays but did not spend much time at the house. Jimmie is contemplating matrimony.

L. C. Rumsey '11 is in business here. "Rusty" still likes to drive his car and tell good stories.

Sid Gridley '08 is in North Carolina as a special salesman for a large firm. He takes frequent trips to Philadelphia and never loses hope of our winning the Penn. game.

A. L. Goff '11, late of Cascade, N. Y., is working on the new New York City aqueduct. Bert keeps in wrestling form and has lost none of his popularity with the ladies.

Gay Wollenweber '11 is in the government service in Sault St. Marie, Mich. Gay writes frequently to Ithaca and we expect to see him in town soon.

J. P. Wait '11 is practicing law in Detroit, Mich. We think "Poppie" is a coming lawyer, because we have listened to his able arguments on all subjects.

W. R. Wigley '07 is instructing in Sibley. "Wig" has given up the position of house monitor since his marriage but still gives us sage advice.

Albert N. Smith '09, after taking the course is now a full fledged farmer near Corning, N. Y. Owing to failing health, Albert was forced to give up a fine position in the engineering field.

Allen Jayne '10, after a year's experience in engineering, succumbed to the charms of a young lady of Laceyville and is now a happy farmer and telephone magnate of West Auburn, Pa.

E. A. Palmer '09 is with the Public Service Co., in N. J. Palmer works as hard as ever and keeps a hearty welcome for any Acacian who comes to Newark.

C. C. Brinton '08 is in charge of a testing floor in the Westinghouse Co. at Pittsburgh. Jimmie is as big and popular as ever.

Jas Vanderhoef still runs the foundry and is always ready with his celebrated hug for any Acacian.

R. M. Bowman '09 is engaged in engineering work in Rochester, N. Y. We are sorry to have "Bo" leave us but expect a fine lot of new stories when he returns for a visit.

Prof. G. W. Lewis '08, is now located at Swarthmore. We received a letter from George placing the name of George Jr., on file for membership in 1932. He was unanimously elected.

Thos. Bradlee is teaching in Northampton, Mass. Tom writes often and seems to still be popular with the girls.

W. A. Munsell '09 is in Newpaltz, N. Y. Munnie is getting to be a fine Horse Doctor.

H. H. Gill '09 the rising young architect of Manila still retains an active interest in all Ithings Acacian. There are several Cornell men there

and they keep in touch with each other by having annual banquets.

H. C. Reed is now in the Acacia house at Minnesota. Cliff is a great telephone engineer and yet an active philanthropist.

Paul Wilder is working for his father, actually working. When there is special need of a husky man we send for Pop and he always responds.

Ellis Searing is another Acacian who married during the last year. He is now attending Colgate.

Deque Rothenberger '11 is manager of a model farm at Grenlock, N. J. Deque still likes the Co-eds and we are awaiting an announcement.

B. B. Ramey '10 is with the Crocker-Wheeler Co., in St. Catharines, Ont. We miss B. B.'s jokes at luncheon.

R. C. Booth '11 is in California with a power development company.

Prof. Geo. R. McDermott has been absent on leave for the past year. He is engaged in marine work for the Brazilian government.

Dr. S. H. Burnett has returned to Cornell after several years sojourn in the west.

E. A. Palmer '09, Y. M. C. A., Newark, N. J., is an assistant superintendent with the Public Service Corp. He took a flying trip home to Kansas Christmas.

S. P. Hollister '09 and graduate of Conn. State Ag., at Storrs, Ct., is teaching horticulture in the same institution.

Dr. Walter Mattick '10 graduated with third honors at the Cornell Medical and is now doing time in Bellevue.

A. G. Hall '08 is keeping the Borden Con. Milk Co.'s plants up to high water mark. He sees that the farmers around Chatham, N. Y. deliver the pure food.

John McCartney '09 paid us a visit last month. The Doctor is practicing

in Brooklyn, N. Y., and likes the big town.

C. D. Pierce, lately married, is also with the Borden Co., but at Buffalo.

We wish that every Alumni member of Nun would send in his address and occupation as well as other personal items of interest to the brethren. This department of the Traveler is primarily for the use of the Alumni. Any suggestions from them as to the make-up of this department will be thankfully received. Alumni opinions on all fraternity policies are solicited and in so far as possible these opinions will be published.

The success of this department depends on the interest every Alumni takes in it, so get busy and make this new department a success. The incompleteness of the personals in this issue is due to lack of data concerning our Alumni; we wish you to keep in touch with us and encourage us in our efforts to make Nun the banner chapter of Acacia.

L. W. W. MORROW.

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE.

The plan of our present Alumni Pledge System, was originated last year by Bro. Wollenweber. Under the plan, it is hoped each alumnus will pledge himself to pay to the Fraternity, twenty-five dollars in five yearly installments, the same to be used in paying off the outstanding debt on the Chapter House and lot. In March of last year this was explained to each one of the alumni by letter, and several pledges were immediately forthcoming. The brothers responding were, Hollister, Wilder, Steelquist, Pierce, Munsell, Davies, Pearce, Rasmason, Canaga and Lewis. A little later Bros. Bradlee, Wollenweber and Rothenberger promised their yearly installments. Some of the 1912 men

have already pledged themselves to their share in the clearing of the property. You see that you are not too late to have your name near the top of the Honor Roll.

Our Mother Chapter, Aleph at Ann Arbor, Mich., has an Alumni Pledge of one hundred dollars, payable in ten annual installments, while others go so far as to require promissory notes for amounts up to one hundred dollars.

Notice the position in which Cornell stands as regards enrollment of students: Columbia first with 5669, Cornell next with 4889, Michigan with 4783, Harvard with 4724, and Penn. with 4718, close seconds. Let each one of Nun's alumni cheerfully fill out the enclosed pledge, thus helping lift the mortgage on Acacia's home at Cornell, putting it on a standing, doing credit to our Alma Mater. If the brothers who have pledged themselves will fill out the new form it will be substituted for the old one payable March 1st each year. As will be noticed, the new form has coupons, attached to the original pledge for the Treasurer's file, which will be used for notice of payment and receipt.

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Owing to the lack of space, an article by Bro. Wollenweber, former Corp. Pres. has been held over for the next issue, which will probably appear in June. A complete list of honorary, alumni and active members has been held over for the same reason.—The Editor.

The sixth annual banquet for University Masons will be given Feb. 23, 1912. D. D. G. M. Mosher will be the speaker of the evening, on the topic, Masonry in England. It is expected Bros. Bradlee, Jayne, Smith and Rothenberger will attend, being here at the time taking in Farmers' Week.